



NORTHWEST COLORADO FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT

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Firefighters making good progress on Blair Fire

MEEKER, Colo. – Despite Red Flag Warning conditions this afternoon firefighters checked the growth of the Blair Fire and brought containment to 70 percent.

Today about 100 firefighters worked the 1,140-acre fire, which is primarily on Bureau of Land Management-administered lands 20 miles west of Meeker. They continued to strengthen fire lines on the southeast and eastern flanks of the fire. Firefighters are working to keep the fire from burning to the north and east, where there is oil and gas infrastructure and a powerline corridor.

Firefighters are beginning to be released from this fire to return to home units or travel to new fires.

Since the fire was first reported June 29, firefighters have been managing it to keep firefighter and public safety the top priority, protect infrastructure, and improve wildlife habitat.

Fire officials throughout northwestern Colorado remain concerned about continued dry, windy weather and the possibility of dry lightning over the next few days, which could start new fires. They urge people to be aware of the danger and be extremely careful with fire.

Drivers along Colorado Highway 64 are cautioned about intermittent periods of smoke across the highway and to watch for firefighting traffic.

There is a flight restriction order over the area. **Firefighters remind the public that unmanned aircraft systems, or drones, are a serious impediment to wildland firefighting. If a drone is spotted near a wildfire, firefighting aircraft will be grounded to protect firefighters.**

Updates will be posted at www.inciweb.nwcg.gov and on the BLM Colorado Fire Facebook page, www.facebook.com/BLMColoradoFire.

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